



Technical Regulations Football (Men)

Antalya (TÜRKIYE)
20 May - 1 June 2024

Please refer to EDSO General Sports Regulation, where no ruling is stated in this Technical Regulation
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1. EVENTS

Team tournament competition will be conducted for men.

1.1. ICSD Deaflympics

The final tournament of the competition counts as the European qualifying tournament for the 2025 ICSD DEAFLYMPICS (Men) in Tokyo, Japan.

According to current ICSD information, the 16 countries qualified for Deaflympic are:

- 1 host country - Japan
- 1 World Champion - Ukraine
- 4 from Europe (EDSO)
- 4 from Asia Pacific (APDSC)
- 3 from Africa (CADS)
- 3 from the Americas (PANAMDES)

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Age Eligibility

Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or before: **31 December 2008**.

All players under the age of sixteen years of age or under in the same year as the Competition MUST obtain authorisations from Parent/Guardian and Education department.

2.2. Eligibility of Deafness

Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB pure tone average (PTA) in the better ear (three-tone pure tone average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, air conduction, ISO 1969 Standard)

2.3. Number of Teams

Each National Federation may enter one (1) team. Participation in the EDSO Competition is limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) men's teams.

Teams (13): Türkiye (Host), Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Scotland, Serbia, Ukraine and Wales.

2.4. Number of players

Each team may have a maximum of twenty-three (23) players.

2.4.1. Each national federation that qualifies for the final competition shall enter 23 players (three of 23 players must be goalkeepers) numbered from 1 to 23. The number 1 must be worn by goalkeeper. No number may be used by more than one player. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the official player's list.

- 2.4.2.** The list of thirty (30) players (showing the full last/family name(s), every first name, popular name, date of birth and country) shall be submitted to the Secretariat, using the official form for this purpose, no later than thirty one (31) full days before the opening match in the final competition. Out of these 30 only 23 players (except in the case of force majeure recognised by the Technical Committee for the EDSO) will be permitted to compete in the final competition.
- 2.4.3.** A listed player may only be substituted in the event of serious injury leading up to 24 hours before his team's first match, after EDSO has received a detailed medical assessment in the official languages (English), and only after acceptance and confirmation by the Sports medical Committee that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the competition. The national federation shall then immediately nominate the substitute and inform EDSO accordingly.
- 2.4.4.** 23 players shall be included in the starting list for the match (11 selected players and 12 substitutes.).
- 2.4.5.** The Organising Committee will publish the official lists of 23 players from each country on paper to be handed out to all countries at the first Technical meeting. This information shall include the players' shirt numbers, family names, first names and the names of the team coaches/managers (including background staff).
- 2.4.6.** Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible or suspended player will forfeit the match. A win and three points and/or a score of 3-0 will be awarded to the opposing team, or greater, depending on the score of the match.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. Preliminary Registration

The preliminary registrations (Form 1) with an indication of the probable number of teams must be submitted to EDSO no later than **15 October 2022**. [Not less than one (1) year before the competition.]

3.2. Final Entry

The deadline for final registration (Form 2) for team sports is **15 November 2023**. (Not less than three (3) months before the competition.)

3.3. Player Registration

3.3.1 The preliminary entries (Form 3) with the names of each athlete indicating event entered (max 30) must be submitted to the EDSO no later than **20 April 2024**. (Not less than thirty one (31) days before the competition). Such submissions will be made by the official registration form, together with passport photos of each player and official.

3.3.2 The final entries (Form 4) with the names of each athlete indicating event entered (max 23 and names from 30 player list (Form 3)) must be submitted to the EDSO no later than **7 May 2024**. (Not less than fourteen (14) days before the competition). Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.3.3 A listed player may only be substituted in case of serious injury evidence until **19 May 2024**, after EDSO has received a detailed medical examination in the official languages (English), and only after acceptance and confirmation by the Sports Medicine Committee, that the injury is severe enough to prevent the player from participating in the competition. The national association must then immediately name the substitute player from form 3 (30 player list) and inform EDSO accordingly.

3.3.4 No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **19 May 2024**.

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

4.1. Technical Organisation

EDSO is responsible for the technical organisation of the Football competitions.

4.2. Committees

4.2.1 Technical Committee

The technical committee will be composed of the EDSO Football Technical Director and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

Luuk Ruinaard	EDSO Football Technical Director
[]	EDSO Representative
[]	Referee Representative
[]	Sports Liaison Officer
[]	Deaf Representative

4.2.2 Protest Committee

The Organs for the Administration of Justice is the Control and Disciplinary Body. The decision of the Control and Disciplinary Body is final and no further appeals may be made.

4.3 Competition Rules

The Football competitions will be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Football Laws of the Game. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

- 4.3.1. Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with EDSO Regulations, EDSO General Technical Rules and this Football Technical Regulations.
- 4.3.2. Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the UEFA Rules and Regulations.
- 4.3.3. Only athletes who comply with the EDSO Regulations are entitled to take part in the EDSO Football competitions.

4.4. Competition Equipment

- 4.4.1. The Ball chosen for the preliminary and final competitions shall conform to the FIFA Football Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA: 'FIFA Approved', 'FIFA Inspected' or 'International Match balls Standard'. The official competition match balls shall be [].
- 4.4.2. The goals and nets will comply with the current FIFA Football Laws of the Game.

4.5. Competition Clothing

- 4.5.1. Each team shall wear its official colours as identified on the official final entry by **20 April 2024**. If the two teams colours might cause confusion, team A of the official match schedule shall be entitled to wear its official outfit and team B shall use its reserve outfit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve outfit; EDSO - Technical Committee decides the matter.
- 4.5.2. In addition to the official outfit, each team shall have a reserve outfit (reserve colours), which shall also be declared on the final entry form. The colours of the reserve outfit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official outfit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.

- 4.5.3.** Throughout the final competition, each player shall wear the number allocated to him on the official players' list. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfits (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and possibly television viewers. These numbers shall be between 25cm to 35cm in height in the centre of the back of the shirt, between 10cm to 15cm in height on the front of the shirt in any position at chest level, and between 10cm and 15cm in height in any position on the front of either leg of the shorts.
- 4.5.4.** The national federation's emblem may also be worn as a badge on the shirt.
- 4.5.5.** Next to the manufacturer's trademark, the identification of one sponsor is allowed on the shirt. Those are max 200 cm² at front and max 100 cm² on sleeves, also with max height of 12 cm.
Any other third party or slogan of a political, commercial, religious or racist nature or any other slogan are not permitted on any garments or equipment of players and goalkeepers (shirts, vests, shorts, thermal shorts, socks, gloves, caps, underwear etc.) in the entire pitch area.
- 4.5.6.** The manufacturer's authorized trademark may be used once as a graphic logo or name, or graphic logo and name combined (in accordance with the EDSO Regulations).

4.6. Draw

The draw for teams participating in the Group Stage of the Final tournament is to be held on **23 March 2024**, 22:00h in Antalya, Türkiye.

4.7. Competition Plan

4.7.1. Group Stage

The participating thirteen (13) teams will be divided into two groups of four (4) teams each and one group of five (5) teams. During the preliminary round, each team will play the other teams in its group.

4.7.2. Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Classifications

After the Group Stage, the number 3 of the groups with four teams will play a play-off match against each other to qualify for the quarterfinals.

After the Group Stage, the 1st and 2nd placed team of each group plus the 3rd placed team of the group with five teams plus the winner of the play-off match shall play quarterfinals:

if group A has five teams **[1][A1 v C2] [2][B1 v AC3] [3][C1 v AB3] [4][A2 v B2]**, or
if group B has five teams **[1][B1 v A2] [2][C1 v AB3] [3][A1 v BC3] [4][B2 v C2]**, or
if group C has five teams **[1][C1 v B2] [2][A1 v BC3] [2][B1 v AC3] [4][C2 v A2]**.

The winners of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals: (**[1] v [2]**) (**[3] v [4]**).

The losers of the quarterfinals will play for the 5th to 8th places.

4.7.3. Finals

The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places, the losers of the semi-finals for 3rd and 4th places.

4.7.4. Classification of Teams

1. The system of competition shall be similar to the league system, each team playing a match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no (0) point for each match lost.
2. Ranking in each group shall be determined as follows:

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine their rankings:

- a) higher number of points obtained in the matches among the teams in question;
- b) superior goal difference resulting in the matches among the teams in question;
- c) higher number of goals scored in the matches among the teams in question;

- d)** if, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the group matches between the remaining teams to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to h) apply in the order given to the two or more teams still equal;
- e)** superior goal difference in all the group matches;
- f)** higher number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- g)** lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received in all group matches (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points);
- h)** higher position in the EDSO national football team coefficient ranking used for the final draw.

4.7.5. If two teams which have the same number of points, the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams in question is determined by kicks from the penalty mark, provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points; the criteria listed under paragraph 4.7.4 is applied.

4.7.6. Each match shall last 90 minutes (two periods of 45 minutes), with an interval as laid down in the current FIFA Football Laws of the Game.

4.7.7. In the result of a matches in the quarterfinals, semi-finals or the finals and if, after 90 minutes, a match ends in a draw, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the current FIFA Football Laws of the Games

4.8. Match Officials

4.8.1. Referees

Allocation of four (4) match officials per match (a Referee, 2 Assistant referees, Fourth Official) to conduct the matches shall be made by the technical committee. Where possible, referees shall be in possession of an FIFA international referee license valid for 2023. However, referees with National or State accreditation may be used. A copy of all referee's qualification shall be submitted to the EDSO Football Technical Director a minimum of fourteen (14) full days before the first Technical meeting.

4.8.1.1. If the referee or one of his assistants is prevented from carrying out his duties before or during a match as a result of injury, indisposition etc... shall be replaced by the fourth match official.

4.8.1.2. At the conclusion of each match, the referee shall fill in an official match report form and shall hand it over to the tournament Officer of the competition at the venue immediately after the match.

4.8.1.3. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible such as:

- a)** Misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion.
- b)** Unsporting behaviour of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a national team.
- c)** Any other incidents.

4.8.1.4. All referees and assistant referees shall use a flag (and a whistle at their discretion) to indicate the commencement or restart of play, to stop or delay play due to an infringement or injury, or to indicate that time has expired in the half. The flag is an important tool for the referees along with verbal, body and eye communication.

4.8.2. Appointment

The Organising Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referees, assistant referees, etc.

4.9. Withdrawal

4.9.1. If a team withdraws after the EDSO Competition have begun or is disqualified during the group matches, the group must continue without this team or a replacement. The matches played by the team concerned will not be taken into consideration and all scores and points earned will be rescinded.

4.9.2. If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognised by the EDSO Organising Committee - or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match, the team will be considered as having lost. The match and three points will be awarded to its opponents with a score of 3-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field.

5. VENUES

5.1. Competition Venue

The Football events will take place at [], [], [], and [] for Group Stage and knockout stages.

5.2. Training Venue

The training venues are available at [].

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Competition Schedule

Refer to the competition schedule on the hosting competitions website: [].

6.2. Training Schedule

Refer to the training schedule on the hosting competitions website.

6.3. Technical Meeting

6.3.1. Date and Location

The 1st EC Football meeting will be held in [], [], on **19 May 2024**.

The 2nd EC Football meeting will be held in [], [], on **26 May 2024**.

The 3rd EC Football meeting will be held in [], [], on **31 May 2024**.

6.3.2. Attendance

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two (2) officials, of whom at least one (1) must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.

Each National Federation must bring two (2) sets of uniforms to the meeting for review and approval.

7. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

7.1. Hearing Devices

The use of any hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts is strictly forbidden from the restricted zone area.

7.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter on the match zone (pitch) during the warm-up and competition period.

7.1.2. Violation and Penalty

Refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), *Article 8: VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

Article 8.1.3 is exempt and replace as follow:

If the offending player in team sports wears hearing aid(s)/ amplification or external cochlear implant parts during play, the offending player shall be dismiss from field of play as Red card offence and shall receive automatic one match suspension; the offending team shall continue, until the match is complete. The result of the match shall stand.

If the offence is repeat by the same offending player in the team, the offending player shall be dismiss from field of play as Red card offence and shall receive full tournament suspension and shall have the Accreditation card remove; the offending team shall continue, until the match is complete. The match result shall stand.

If more than one player in the same team is found to have committed an audiogram rule violation at any time during the competition, the team will be subjected to disqualify from the Tournament.

8. PROTESTS

8.1. Procedure for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the FIFA Football Laws of the Game and will be managed by the Football Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English (in print writing and not in handwriting) on the Official EDSO Protest Form. The form must be given to the EDSO Football Technical Director with EURO €100 within sixty (60) minutes after official posted results.

8.1.1. The EDSO Football Technical Director will decide whether the protest is sporting related eligibility related. The Football Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of EURO €100 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

8.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest

The EDSO Football Technical Director will hand over the letter of protest to the Control and Disciplinary Body and the verdict or decision will be made there.

9. CAUTIONS

As a rule, a player or team official who is sent off the field of play (red card) is suspended for the next match in the competition. In case of serious offences, the Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment, including by extending it to other competitions.

A player is automatically suspended for the next competition match after two cautions in two different matches as well as after a fourth and any subsequent caution.

Pending yellow-card suspensions do not expire on completion of the qualifying competition and are carried forward to the final tournament.

Single cautions from matches in the final tournament that have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the quarter-finals.

Cautions and pending yellow-card suspensions expire on completion of the competition.

Yellow/red card and red-card suspensions are always carried forward to the next match and/or next ICSD Sanctioned competition for national teams.

The following fines have been determined:

- (a) Yellow card €20
- (b) Yellow - red card €40
- (c) Red card €70

The Control and Disciplinary Body's decision is final.